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New Standing Order No. 80-A.

Add the following as a new Standing Order No. 80-A—

"80-A. The quorum for all committees constituted under the Standing Orders will consist of one-third of the total number of members of a committee or five, whichever number is larger."

VIII

THE ELLAMARRU AND PENJENDRA IMPARTIBLE ESTATES BILL.

* Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"Mr. President, Sir, with your permission, I beg to move that all the items of business up to item No. 19 dealing with the Ellamarru and Penjendra Impartible Estates Bill be postponed till after that item is disposed of. The Bill relates to a simple non-controversial matter. As at present arranged in the agenda it is not likely to be taken up at this session of the Council. I therefore request that that item may be taken up first in preference to the other items placed before the House."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"I second the motion for the adjournment of items 1—18 till after item No. 19 is disposed of. This simple and non-controversial matter can be taken up first and disposed of before the other long standing controversial matters are taken up."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question is that items 1—18 be adjourned till after item 19 is disposed of."

12-15 p.m. * Sriman BISWANATH DASS Mahasayo :—"Mr. President, Sir, I am sorry to differ from my hon. Friends when they say that this is a non-controversial subject. To me it is a very controversial subject in so far as it brings time and again before this House the question of adding to the scheduled number of estates. It is a misfortune that we are assenting to each of such Bills without any enquiry or investigation into the nature or extent or the principle of these Bills. With regard to the present Bill I see from the schedule that a number of villages have been included, not only zamindari but also inams, and mokhasa villages. Portions of villages, one-third, one-fourth, half, have been included in the schedule. This being the case, I am very sorry I cannot agree with my hon. Friends that there will be no contention with regard to this Bill. Further, I have to record my protest against the way in which these Bills are proposed to be rushed through in the Council . . ."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I think the hon. Member will be in order if he refers to the question of the postponement of some of the items of business in the agenda."

* Sriman BISWANATH DASS Mahasayo :—"I bow to your ruling. I do not see any reason why this Bill should alone be given preference to other Bills which are more important in their nature and which are entered in the agenda in a certain order. For these reasons I oppose the motion for adjournment."

* Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Sir, I must associate myself with what has fallen from the hon. Member, Mr. Biswanath Das. Some of the Bills coming earlier in the agenda are very important but unfortunately have been postponed from time to time and I am sorry that even to-day a move is made to delay their consideration still further. When the Bill given notice of by my hon. Friend, Mr. Kumaraswami Reddiyar, comes before the House, we may have to say several things about it. I do not see

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any reason why this Bill should be taken up now to the prejudice of other Bills which have, in the usual course of things, should be considered earlier by us."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Sir, I also associate myself with the remarks of my hon. Friend who has just now spoken. There is no reason why any preference should be given to this Bill. I have myself given notice of some Bills which I consider to be very urgent."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member will be quite in order if he moves that his Bills may be taken up first, after this motion is disposed of."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I do not see any reason why there should be any change in the order of business, and I oppose the motion."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" Sir, I also oppose the motion for this reason. There are very many other matters which are more important and more urgent. I do not see any reason for the anxiety of my hon. Friends who want to get through that Bill first, and who want that Bill, just like a war measure, to be treated as urgent, and that not even one day should pass without that Bill being passed. Apart from the merits of the case, it has been usual on former occasions for such Bills being rushed through. That is, perhaps, the reason why my hon. Friend, Mr. Kumaraswami Reddiyar, says that it is a non-controversial subject. It is not such a non-controversial matter as it is presumed to be. Perhaps this time the Bill will take up more time. The reason for saying that this is a non-controversial matter is that such Bills were passed very easily last time, because some of us could not be here and did not want to be here. It cannot be presumed that this is also a similar matter. It is a very important and big matter and it will take up more time. The Bill requires good consideration. Probably the House may decide that the Bill should be referred to a Select Committee to see how many people will suffer under the provisions of this Bill, what advantages will be given to others, how those people who get advantages under this Bill are faring in the world, whether this Bill benefits in any way the tenants, and whether it benefits only the zamindars. Perhaps some of my hon. Friends want that the Bill should be passed without any word being said on its merits. Others may not have the same liberal and generous opinion. We have to consider all these points and I therefore oppose the motion for adjournment."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is that items 1 to 18 in the agenda under sub-head (II) be postponed till item 19 is disposed of."

The motion was put to the House and lost.

IX

THE ANDHRA UNIVERSITY ACT (AMENDMENT) BILLS.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The Council was discussing [a] the amendment of Mr. Venkatapati Raju with regard to Bill No. 14 of 1927 to amend the Andhra University Act, 1925. The amendment that was under consideration was that of Mr. Venkatapati Raju as amended by Mr. Satyamurti. The amended amendment runs thus :—'*For the words* "*in the town of Anantapur*" substitute the words "*in the headquarters of the University*". That amendment is for the consideration of the House."

[a] Please see pages 294—297 of the Council Proceedings, dated 10th October 1928.